REMARKS

The claim identifier for Claim 53 now states "Previously Pending." Applicants submit the change to the claim identifier for Claim 53 obviates the Notice of August 11, 2006.

Claims 31-44 and 46-57 are active in the present application. Claims 1-30 and 45 are cancelled claims. Independent Claim 31 has been amended to include the limitations of previously presented Claim 45. Independent Claim 31 has been further amended to state that the claim process includes an active step of extracting. Support for the amendment is found throughout the specification such as, for example, the Title.

The dependent claims have been amended accordingly. The dependent claims have been further amended to correct typographical and/or clerical errors.

No new matter is added.

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